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**Re:** Reissue Application of U.S. Patent 5,498,240  
**INTRAVASCULAR CATHETER WITH**  
**REPLACEABLE SHAFT SECTION**  
Inventors: Bagaoisan *et al.*  
Serial No.: 08/843,711  
Filed: April 16, 1997  
Our Docket No.: 22965-2111  
ACS Docket No.: 8482.4

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